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GROUP ON FAO RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRI-
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ROME FOR FODAG

1. WE ASSUME THAT FAO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN BULA HOYOS MAY
PLAN TO DISCUSS AT HIS REQUESTED MEETING WITH THE OECD/DAC
GROUP IN ROME JANUARY 22 (REPORTED IN REFTEL) POSSIBLE
AMENDMENTS BY FAO DG SAOUMA TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT
ESTABLISHING IFAD.

2. IF ABOVE ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT, FODAG SHOULD AVOID
GETTING INTO PROLONGED DEBATE WITH BULA HOYOS AND JUST
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INDICATE THAT THE USG WOULD FIND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE

AND ENTIRELY OUT OF ORDER AT THIS LATE STATE IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS ANY AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD GREATLY ALTER THE
BASIC CHARACTER OF IFAD AS COMPARED TO WHAT HAS BEEN
CALLED FOR IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE. WE
ESPECIALLY OBJECT TO ANY AMENDMENTS CONCERNING SETTLED
ISSUES.

3. WE ASSUME FODAG WILL REPORT ON VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE
MEETING.

4. FYI: WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FIND WAYS TO HEAD OFF THE
POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF MAJOR AMENDMENTS BY SAOUMA AND
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT FODAG MAY HAVE.
END FYI. SISCO

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